



Russian Heritage

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Impressions of Russia: Summer of 2018

On Saturday, September 8 come to the Russian American Club in Gulfport (2920 Beach Blvd S) to hear USF Students who studied in Russia during the summer of 2018 and several Russian Heritage Board Members who also spent part of the summer in Russia. They will share their experiences and what surprised them the most. They will discuss what attitudes they found towards America and Americans. This program (in English) will give you a chance to hear from students who have received grants from the RH scholarship program, and also you will get to know better some of the current RH Board Members. The program begins at 4:00 pm and will be followed by a Russian-themed pot-luck supper. If you have a favorite Russian dish, a salad, *zakuski*, vegetables, or a dessert, bring some to share. If you would prefer to bring some other food dish, that's fine, or you may make a small donation. There is no charge for the program. It looks like an exciting program with first-hand reports on what is current in Russia at the present time. It will also be an opportunity to meet other people who are interested in Russia and Russian culture. If you use Facebook regularly, we request that you visit our Russian Heritage page, and let us know you are coming and share this information with your facebook friends.

Other Upcoming Events of Interest to RH Members

St. Andrew's Russian Orthodox Church is celebrating its 70th Anniversary as a congregation on Sunday, September 2. See below the announcement of the 70th Anniversary Celebration Concert.

One of the most popular new entertainments in Russia in the past 5 years has been the appearance of *mosgoboinya*, or trivia contests for teams of contestants. It has recently become popular in the Tampa Bay area, and on September 9 a picnic/entertainment/contest is planned for Fort DeSoto Park from 2 - 7. For more information, visit the Music and Poetry Club of Florida Facebook page.

Concert at Studio@620 on September 13 featuring Elona Krasavseva, Nina and Robert Wegmann. See announcement below.

Community Meeting for people interested in the four **Sister Cities of St. Petersburg, Florida**. September 19 at 7:00 pm at SPC campus downtown. This will be of special interest for those who are interested in our Sister City of St. Petersburg, Russia.

Robert Courtney is a globally successful entrepreneur, business leader, and senior strategic and legal advisor, with more than 25 years of experience in international business, including Russia and Eastern Europe. He will give a talk on "Doing Business in Russia," sponsored by the USF Institute on Russia.

Wednesday, October 3rd at 2:00 PM. Science and Technology Building (STG) Room 113, USF-St. Petersburg.

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OUTSTANDING 44TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FOLK FAIR SET FOR OCT 25 - 28, 2018


unites the country with food & performances from 36 cultural groups at St Petersburg's Vinoy Park. In an immigrant nation facing an identity crisis, we have a new purpose. This year, the St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society (SPIFFS) Annual Folk Fair reminds us who we are: a fabric of cultures woven into a United States.

SPIFFS 44th Annual International Folk Fair will be held from October 25 - 28, 2018 at Vinoy Park in downtown St. Petersburg, FL. The 4-day festival showcases food and culture from 36+ member organizations, each representing immigrants from nations across the globe. The groups will unite in a Grand Parade of Nations, culminating in a swearing-in ceremony of new American citizens.

Russian Heritage will participate in this event, representing Russia and Russian culture. Consider being a volunteer at this special event.

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70th Anniversary Celebration Concert



St. Andrew's Russian Orthodox Church Parish

Sunday, September 2, 2018
4:00 PM

St. Pete College Music Center

Russian Sacred, Romance, and Folk Music
Ballet Dancers and Instrumental Music

admission free

6605 5th Ave North, St. Pete



Elona Krasavseva,
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SEPTEMBER 13, 2018
THE STUDIO@620

THE STUDIO@620 PRESENTS:

Elona Krasavseva, Nina & Robert Wegmann in Concert

The Studio@620 welcomes the return of this amazing international trio! Join us for an evening of fantastic music! Elona Krasavseva (vocals), Nina Slyusar-Wegmann (accordion) and Robert Wegmann (contrabass) will perform an evening of classical, tango, and jazz music.

Elona Krasavseva is an award winning singer from Moscow, Russia. Nina Slyusar-Wegmann is a frequent soloist with The Florida Orchestra and soloist of the Vitebsk Philharmonic Orchestra, Belarus. Robert Wegmann is an American Pop-musician and multi-instrumentalist from Tampa, FL.

This trio performed at The Studio@620 in 2016 for a sold out audience and received rave reviews. They return with a new program dedicated to famous classical, jazzy, and tango tunes. Get your tickets now!

Thursday September 13, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

General Admission \$25 / Studio@620 Members \$20

Event Sponsors:

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and Arboriculture, Inc.



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Barbara Mazer Gross, *Executive Director* • Bob Devin Jones, *Artistic Director/Founder*

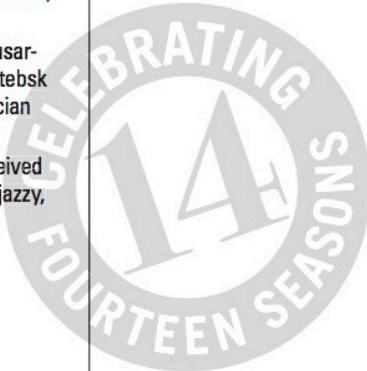
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Our Annual Winter Ball will take place at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Be sure that this special celebration is on your calendar. You will be hearing more about this in the near future!

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Final Word from the President.....

We are planning a number of special events for the coming year, beginning with our fall meeting on September 8 at the Russian American Club (see page 1). At that time, we will announce more of our upcoming programs and give more information about our Sister City plans for St. Petersburg, Russia; the 44th SPIFFS Folk Fair; some exciting literary and musical events, and THE WINTER BALL! We hope to see you at our September 8th event.

Bill Parsons, President